

August 29, 2016

Mr. Jason Senn, P.E. Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks P.O. Box 200701 Helena, MT 59620-0701

RE: Widow Coulee Road Geotechnical Investigation

Dear Mr. Senn;

Widow Coulee Road in Choteau County provides passage to the Widow Coulee Fishing Access Site (FAS) on the Missouri River. Some portions of Widow Coulee Road are relatively steep, having gradients up to 21 percent. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) is designing a modified Widow Coulee Road alignment to reduce the road gradient. Pioneer Technical Services, Inc. (Pioneer) performed a limited geotechnical investigation to determine depth to bedrock along the proposed road alignment.

INVESTIGATION

Three boreholes (BH-01 through BH-03) were drilled on August 17, 2016. The drilling work was performed by Boland Drilling of Great Falls, Montana under subcontract to Pioneer. The boreholes were advanced with a CME-55 truck-mount drill rig using hollow stem augers. The approximate location of each borehole is shown on Figure 1. FWP requested each borehole be drilled to a 20-foot depth.

Standard penetration tests (SPT) were performed at 5-foot intervals, in general accordance to ASTM D1586, using a 2-inch outside diameter, 2-foot long, steel standard split spoon sampler. Field measured blow counts were used to establish the relative density of granular soils and the consistency of cohesive soils. Samples were collected from each SPT interval and were field classified in general accordance with the Visual-Manual Procedure (ASTM D2488). Laboratory testing of soils was not included in the scope of work.

SOIL LITHOLOGY

The list below provides a summary of the soil profile from each borehole. Attachment A contains detailed borehole logs. Attachment B includes photos of the investigation and site.

<u>BH-01:</u> Silty clay surficial soils underlain by fat clay to bottom of borehole at 21.5-

foot depth.

<u>BH-02:</u> Silty clay surficial soils underlain by fat clay to bottom of borehole at 21.5-

foot depth.

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BH-03:

Silty clay surficial soils underlain by alternating layers of silt, sand, and clay to depth of 17 feet. Highly weathered siltstone was logged from 17 feet to the bottom of the borehole at 19.8 feet. Note: auger refusal was encountered at a depth of 18.3 feet.

The soil lithologies submitted in this letter are based upon visual classifications from samples obtained within each of the three investigation boreholes. Often, variations occur between boreholes, the nature and extent of which do not become evident until additional exploration or construction is conducted.

USE OF REPORT

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Services performed by Pioneer Technical Services personnel for this project have been conducted with the level of care and skill ordinarily exercised by members of the profession currently practicing in this area under similar budget and time restraints. No warranty, expressed or implied, is made.

Thank you for the opportunity to work on your project. If you have any questions regarding these borehole logs please contact Mike Browne at 406-443-6053.

Sincerely, PIONEER TECHNICAL SERVICES, INC.

Michael Browne, P.E. Geotechnical Engineer

Attachments:

- A. Borehole Logs
- B. Photo Log





GENERAL NOTES

DRILLING & SAMPLING SYMBOLS:

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SS:	\times	Split Spoon - 1-3/8" I.D., 2" O.D., unless otherwise noted	CA:	}}}}	Casing Advancer
ST:		Thin-Walled Tube - 2" O.D., unless otherwise noted	DA:	F	Drill Auger
CB:	X	California Sampler - 2" I.D., 2.5" O.D., unless otherwise noted	HA:		Hand Auger
DB:	П	Diamond Bit Coring - 4", NX, unless otherwise noted	RB:		Rock Bit
BS:	H	Bulk Sample or Auger Sample	GS:	m	Grab Sample

The number of blows required to advance a standard 2-inch O.D. split-spoon sampler (SS) the last 12 inches of the total 18-inch penetration with a 140-pound hammer falling 30 inches is considered the "Standard Penetration" or "N-value". The field blow counts are reported for each 6-inch interval, or portion thereof if greater than 50 blows are required to advance the full 6-inch interval. For over-sized split spoon samplers, non-standard hammers, or non-standard drop heights, the field penetration values are reported on the bore log. The values must be corrected to obtain the N-value.

WL:	Water Level	WS:	While Sampling	NE:	Not Encountered
WCl:	Wet Cave in	WD: 💆	While Drilling		
DCI:	Dry Cave in	BCR:	Before Casing Removal		
AB:	After Boring	ACR: 💆	After Casing Removal		

Water levels indicated on the boring logs are the levels measured in the borings at the times indicated. Groundwater levels at other times and other locations across the site could vary. In pervious soils, the indicated levels may reflect the location of groundwater. In low permeability soils, the accurate determination of groundwater levels may not be possible with only short-term observations.

DESCRIPTIVE SOIL CLASSIFICATION: Soil classification is based on the Unified Soil Classification System, Coarse Grained Soils have more than 50% of their dry weight retained on a #200 sieve; their principal descriptors are: gravel or sand. Cobbles and boulders are not part of the USCS system but are included, when present, as percentages. Fine Grained Soils have less than 50% of their dry weight retained on a #200 sieve; depending on their plasticity, they are described as clays or silts. Major constituents may be added as modifiers and minor constituents may be added according to the relative proportions based on grain size. In addition to gradation, coarse-grained soils are defined on the basis of their in-place relative density and fine-grained soils on the basis of their consistency.

CONSISTENCY OF FINE-GRAINED SOILS

RELATIVE DENSITY OF COARSE-GRAINED SOILS

	<u>Standard</u>		<u>Standard</u>		
Unconfined	Penetration or		Penetration or		
Compressive	N-value (SS)		N-value (SS)	California Barrel	
Strength, Qu, psf	Blows/Ft.	Consistency	Blows/Ft.	(CB) Blows/Ft.	Relative Density
< 500	< 2	Very Soft	0 - 4	0 - 6	Very Loose
500 - 1,000	2 - 4	Soft	5 - 10	7 - 18	Loose
1,001 - 2,000	5 - 8	Medium Stiff	11 - 30	19 - 58	Medium Dense
2,001 - 4,000	9 - 15	Stiff	31 - 50	59 - 98	Dense
4,001 - 8,000	16 - 30	Very Stiff	50 +	99 +	Very Dense
8,000 +	30 +	Hard			•

RELATIVE PROPORTIONS OF SAND AND GRAVEL

Descriptive Term(s) of other constituents Percent of Dry Weight Trace < 15</td> With 15 - 29 Modifier > 30

USCS* GRAIN SIZE TERMINOLOGY

<u>Major</u>	
Component	
of Sample	Particle Size
Boulders	Over 12 in. (300mm)
Cobbles	12 in. to 3 in. (300mm to 75 mm)
Gravel	3 in. to #4 sieve (75mm to 4.75 mm)
Sand	#4 to #200 sieve (4.75mm to 0.075mm)
Silt or Clay	Passing #200 Sieve (0.075mm)
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^{*}For AASHTO grain size the #4 sieve is replaced with the #10 sieve

RELATIVE PROPORTIONS OF FINES

Descriptive Term(s) of other	Percent of
constituents	Dry Weight
Trace	< 5
With	5 - 12
Modifiers	> 12

PLASTICITY DESCRIPTION

<u>Term</u>	Plasticity Index
Non-Plastic	0
Slightly	1 - 5
Low	6 - 10
Medium	11 - 20
High	21 - 40
Very Highly	> 40



GENERAL NOTES

Description of Rock Properties

WEATHERING

Moderate

Very severe

Fresh Rock fresh, crystals bright, few joints may show slight staining. Rock rings under hammer if crystalline.

Very slight Rock generally fresh, joints stained, some joints may show thin clay coatings, crystals in broken face show

bright. Rock rings under hammer if crystalline.

Rock generally fresh, joints stained, and discoloration extends into rock up to 1 in. Joints may contain clay. In

granitoid rocks some occasional feldspar crystals are dull and discolored. Crystalline rocks ring under hammer.

Significant portions of rock show discoloration and weathering effects. In granitoid rocks, most feldspars are

dull and discolored; some show clayey. Rock has dull sound under hammer and shows significant loss of

strength as compared with fresh rock.

Moderately severe

All rock except quartz discolored or stained. In granitoid rocks, all feldspars dull and discolored and majority

show kaolinization. Rock shows severe loss of strength and can be excavated with geologist's pick.

Severe All rock except quartz discolored or stained. Rock "fabric" clear and evident, but reduced in strength to strong

soil. In granitoid rocks, all feldspars kaolinized to some extent. Some fragments of strong rock usually left.

All rock except quartz discolored or stained. Rock "fabric" discernible, but mass effectively reduced to "soil"

with only fragments of strong rock remaining.

Complete Rock reduced to "soil". Rock "fabric" not discernible or discernible only in small, scattered locations. Quartz

may be present as dikes or stringers.

FIELD HARDNESS (for engineering description of rock not to be confused with Moh's scale for minerals)

Very Hard

Cannot be scratched with knife or sharp pick. Breaking of hand specimens requires several hard blows of

geologist's pick.

Hard Can be scratched with knife or pick only with difficulty. Hard blow of hammer required to detach hand

pecimen.

Moderately Hard

Can be scratched with knife or pick. Gouges or grooves to 1/4 in. deep can be excavated by hard blow of

point of a geologist's pick. Hand specimens can be detached by moderate blow.

Medium

Can be grooved or gouged 1/16 in. deep by firm pressure on knife or pick point. Can be excavated in small

chips to pieces about 1-in. maximum size by hard blows of the point of a geologist's pick.

Soft Can be gouged or grooved readily with knife or pick point. Can be excavated in chips to pieces several inches

in size by moderate blows of a pick point. Small thin pieces can be broken by finger pressure.

Very Soft

Can be carved with knife. Can be excavated readily with point of pick. Pieces 1-in. or more in thickness can be

broken with finger pressure. Can be scratched readily by fingernail.

Joint, Bedding and Foliation Spacing in Rock ^a

Spacing Less than 2 in. 2 in 1 ft. 1 ft 3 ft. 3 ft10 ft.	Joints Very close Close Moderately close Wide	Bedding/Foliation Very thin Thin Medium Thick
3 ft10 ft. More than 10 ft.	Very wide	Very thick

Rock Quality Des	signation (RQD) ^v	Joint Openness Descriptors						
ROD, as a percentage	Diagnostic description	Openness	Descriptor					
Exceeding 90	Excellent	No Visible Separation	Tight					
90 - 75	Good	Less than 1/32 in.	Slightly Open					
74 - 50	Fair	1/32 to 1/8 in.	Moderately Open					
49 - 25	Poor	1/8 to 3/8 in.	Open					
Less than 25	Very poor	1/2 in. to 1 1/4 in.	Moderately Wide					
		Greater than 1 1/4 in.	Wide					

a. Spacing refers to the distance normal to the planes, of the described feature, which are parallel to each other or nearly so.

References: American Society of Civil Engineers Manuals and Reports on Engineering Practice - No. 56, American Society of Civil Engineers, 1976. U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, Engineering Geology Field Manual. AASHTO M145, 2010.



b. RQD (given as a percentage) = length of core in pieces 4 in. and longer/length of run.

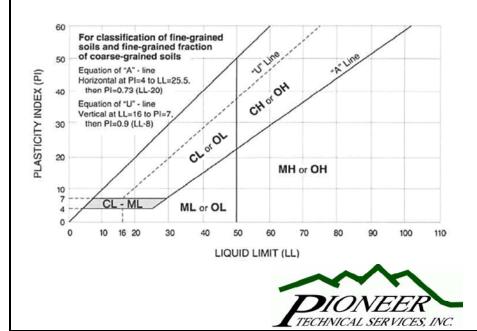
UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

Criteria for A	Soi	Soil Classification			
				Group Symbol	Group Name ^B
	C 1	Clean Gravels	$Cu \ge 4$ and $1 \le Cc \le 3$	GW	Well-graded Gravel F
	Gravels More than 50% of coarse	Less than 5% fines	Cu < and/or 1 > Cc > 3	GP	Poorly graded gravel F
	fraction retained on	Gravels with Fines	Fines classify as ML or MH	GM	Silty Gravel F,G,H
Coarse Grained Soils	No. 4 sieve	More than 12% fines	Fines classify as CL or CH	GC	Clayey Gravel F,G,H
More than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve	C 1	Clean Sands	$Cu \ge 6$ and $1 \le Cc \le 3$	SW	Well-graded Sand ^I
	Sands 50% or more of coarse	Less than 5% fines	Cu < 6 and/or 1 > Cc > 3	SP	Poorly graded Sand ¹
	fraction passes	Fines classify as ML or MH	SM	Silty Sand G,H,I	
	No. 4 sieve	More than 12% fines	Fines classify as CL or CH	SC	Clayey Sand G,H,I
			PI > 7 and plots on or above "A" line	CL	Lean Clay K,L,M
	Silts and Clays	inorganic	PI < 4 or plots below "A" line	ML	Silt K,L,M
	Liquid limit less than 50		Liquid limit - oven dried	O.I.	Organic Clay K,L,M,N
Fine-Grained Soils		organic	Liquid limit - not dried < 0.75	OL	Organic Silt K,L,M,Q
50% or more passes the No. 200 sieve			PI plots on or above "A" Line	СН	Fat Clay K,L,M
	Silts and Clays	inorganic	PI plots below "A" line	MH	Elastic Silt K,L,M
	Liquid Limit 50 or more		Liquid limit - oven dried	OH	Organic Clay K,L,M,P
		organic	Liquid limit - not dried < 0.75	ОН	Organic Silt K,L,M,Q
Highly organic soils	Primarily organic matter, d	PT	Peat		

^ABased on the material passing the 3-in. (75-mm) sieve

$$^{\mathrm{E}} Cu = D_{60} / D_{10} \quad Cc = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$$

QPI plots below "A" line.



^B If field sample contained cobbles or boulders, or both, add "with cobbles or boulders, or both" to group name.

^C Gravels with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols: GW-GM well-graded gravel with silt, GW-GC well-graded gravel with clay, GP-GM poorly graded gravel with silt. GP-GC poorly graded gravel with clay.

^D Sands with 5 to 12% fines require dual symbols: SW-SM well-graded sand with silt, SW-SC well-graded sand with clay, SP-SM poorly graded sand with silt, SP-SC poorly graded sand with clay.

 $^{^{\}rm F}$ If soil contains \geq 15% sand, add "with sand" to group name.

^GIf fines classify as CL-ML, use dual symbol GC-GM, or SC-SM.

^HIf fines are organic, add "with organic fines" to group name.

 $^{^{\}rm I}$ If soil contains \geq 15% gravel, add "with gravel" to group name.

^J If Atterberg limits plot in shaded area, soil is a CL-ML, silty clay.

^K If soil contains 15 to 29% plus No. 200, add "with sand" or " with gravel," whichever is predominant.

 $^{^{}L}$ If soil contains $\geq 30\%$ plus No. 200, predominantly sand, add "sandy" to group name.

 $^{^{}M}$ If soil contains \geq 30% plus No. 200, predominantly gravel, add "gravelly" to group name.

 $^{^{}N}$ PI \geq 4 and plots on or above "A" line.

^OPI < 4 or plots below "A" line.

P PI plots on or above "A" line.

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BOREHOLE LOG



	Proje	Project Name: Widow Coulee FAS Road															Project Number:		
	Borehole Location: Side of road, 20' north of center										nterl	ine				Borehole Number: BH-01		Sheet	1 of 1
	Drillir	Orilling Equipment: CME 55										Hammer: Type: Safety				Driller: Boland	Logger: Browne		
			luid:	NA								Borehole Diameter (in): 6				Date Started: 8/1	7/2016	ate Finishe	d: 08/17/2016
	Eleva and [Grou	nd:	2810	0.0	0	C	Casing:					Notes:	N 47°37.210', W	111°01.813'		0.00
			DRIL		VERY	(QD)			Z	cf)	TENT (%)		_			Borehole coordir Pocket Penetron	nates from cons neter (PP) in tor	umer grad ns per squa	e GPS. are foot (tsf).
	DEPTH (feet)	OPERATION	PRESSURE (psi)	RATE (fph)	CORE PERCENT RECO	ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (RQD)	SAMPLE	RECOVERY (%)	STANDARD PENETRATION TEST	DRY DENSITY (pcf)	MOISTURE CONTENT (%)	F LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	GRAPHIC LOG		MATERIAL DES		DEPTH (feet)	REMARKS
	5			90											(CL-M HCl so particl Fat Cl stiff; m	al Soils; Silty CLA L); dry; brown; mil blution; medium places are rounded. AY with Sand (Child reaction to 10% plastic.	d reaction to 10 astic. Gravel		
	- - - - - 10			80				50	6/8/7						PP _{ave} =			- - - - - - - - 10.0	
	- - - - - - - 15			110				95	6/11/14						occasi reaction Grave	AY (CH); trace fin lonal Sand seams; on to 10% HCl soli I particles are rour 4.5 tsf	; very stiff; mild ution; highly pla:	stic - - - - - - - -	
T 8/23/16	20			40				95	6/11/15							4.5 tsf		- - - - - - - - -	
MT_DOT WIDOW_COULEE-2016.GPJ PIONEER.GDT 8/23/16	Ope Type		on	 	Auge Casi Adva	ng		Sa Ty	mpler pes:	Spl Spc She	it con elby			tromete	r While	e Drilling $\overline{\underline{Y}}$	R LEVEL OBS _ft Upon Comp		DNS
MT_DOT WIE					Advancer Core Barrel Drive Casing Core Sneby Bulk Sample Sample Sample					mple ab	Special Samplers Dept				While Drilling \(\frac{\psi}{2}\) ft Upon Completion of Drilling \(\frac{\psi}{2}\) Time After Drilling Depth To Water (feet) Remarks: Groundwater table was not encountered during drilling			ed during drilling.	

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BOREHOLE LOG



Proi	ect N	lame	•	W	idow	. Co	oule	e FAS R	oad							Project Number	er:			
	Project Name: Widow Coulee FAS Road Borehole Location: Road shoulder, 15' south of centerline														Borehole Number: BH-02	i rojost rumbe		Sheet 1	of 1	
	Drilling Equipment: CME 55 Hammer: Type:													-tv	Driller: Boland		Logge	-		
					VIL C						Type: Safety Borehole Diameter (in): 6				Date Started: 8/1	7/2016		Finished:		16
Elev	Drilling Fluid: NA Elevation and Datum: Ground: 2925.00 Casing:												(111).	Notes:	N 47°37.210', W		Date	illionea.	30/11/20	10
and	DRILL >									(%)				Notes.	Borehole coordin Pocket Penetron	nates from cor	nsume ons pe	er grade G er square	PS. foot (tsf).	
DEPTH (feet)	OPERATION	PRESSURE (psi)	RATE (fph)	CORE PERCENT RECOVERY	ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (RQD)	SAMPLE	RECOVERY (%)	STANDARD STANDARD TEST	DRY DENSITY (pcf)	MOISTURE CONTENT	T LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	GRAPHIC LOG		MATERIAL DES	SCRIPTION		DEPTH (feet)	REMAR	:KS
-			200											(CL-M HCl so particl Fat Cl damp;	al Soils; Silty CLA L); dry; brown; mil blution; medium pl es are rounded. AY (CH) with trac brown; medium s G HCl solution; hig	d reaction to 1 astic. Gravel te fine Gravels tiff; weak reac	10% s;	1.0		
5			360			X	55	1/3/3						PP _{ave} =	2.8 tsf					
15			160				100	2/4/5						trace (reaction Grave PP _{ave} = Vertica	AY (CH) with trac Coal; damp; browr on to 10% HCl soli I particles are rour 2.3 tsf al Sand seam (1/1 5 ft depth, white, fi	n; stiff; weak ution; highly pl nded. 6" thick) from	lastic.	- - - -		
201 8/23/16 20 			280			X	100	3/4/7						PP _{ave} =	2.8 tsf			-		
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BOREHOLE LOG



Proi	Project Name: Widow Coulee FAS Road														Project Number:				
		Loca								terlii	ne.				Borehole Number: BH-03	1		neet	1 of 1
	Borehole Location: Side of road, 23' east of centerline Drilling Equipment: CME 55 Hammer: Type: Safety														Driller: Boland				
	Drilling Fluid: NA											Borehole Diameter (in): 6			Date Started: 8/1	7/2016			
Elev	Elevation Ground: 3117.00 Casing:											icici	(111).				Date III	IIISHEU	. 00/1//2010
and	DRILL 8									(%)		_		Notes:	N 47°37.160', W Borehole coordin Pocket Penetron	nates from cor	nsumer ons per	grade squa	e GPS. re foot (tsf).
DEPTH (feet)	OPERATION	PRESSURE (psi)	RATE (fph)	CORE PERCENT RECOVERY	ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (RQD)	SAMPLE	RECOVERY (%)	STANDARD TEST TEST	DRY DENSITY (pcf)	MOISTURE CONTENT	F LIQUID LIMIT	PLASTIC LIMIT	GRAPHIC LOG		MATERIAL DES	SCRIPTION		DEPTH (feet)	REMARKS
- - - 5			280			X	60	1/2/3						(CL-M mild re plastic Sandy damp; to 10%	al Soils; Silty CLA L), occasional Col action to 10% HC . Gravel particles SILT (ML); occas brown; medium s b HCl solution; nor Graded SAND wi ained; damp; light in to 10% HCl solu	obles; dry; bro il solution; me are rounded. ional Sand se tiff; strong rea n-plastic. th Silt (SP);	eams; ection	-1.0 	
10	- - - - 	-	70			X	55	4/4/5						strong plastic		ICI solution; h	n; stiff; nighly	9.0	
- - 15	- - - - - - -													fine-q	Graded SAND wi ained; damp; light in to 10% HCl soli	brown; strong	g stic.	 _ _ - _ _ 	
-	-		20			X	55	6/9/9						stiff; s mediu	Lean CLAY (CL); rong reaction to 1 m plastic.	0% HCl soluti	on;	17.0	Soil to brittle for PP.
3/16	-					X	50	6/10/11							TONE; dry; weak g; highly weathere		iron	- - - - -19.8	Hard drilling at 17 ft depth. Auger refusal at 18.3 ft depth.
	Operation Types: Auger Types: Casing Advancer Core Barrel Drive Casing Grab Sampler Types: Split Spoon Shelby Grab Grab Sample Grab Sample							elby k mple ab	لطا		olers	While Time Dept	WATEF e Drilling <u>▽</u> After Drilling _ n To Water (feet) _ arks: Groundwate	R LEVEL OB _ft Upon Col r table was no	mpletion	of Dril	ling <u>¥</u> ft		





Picture #: 1 Description: BH-01, looking northwest.



Picture #: 2 Description: BH-01; 5-6.5 ft sample depth.





Picture #: 3 Description: BH-01; 10-11.5 ft sample depth.



Picture #: 4 Description: BH-01; 15-16.5 ft sample depth.





Picture #: 5 Description: BH-01; 20-21.5 ft sample depth.



Picture #: 6

Description: BH-02, looking northeast.





Picture #: 7 Description: BH-02; 5-6.5 ft sample depth.



Picture #: 8 Description

Description: BH-02; 10-11.5 ft sample depth.





Picture #: 9 Description: BH-02; 15-16.5 ft sample depth.



Picture #: 10 Description: BH-02; 20-21.5 ft sample depth.





Picture #: 11 Description: BH-03, looking north.



Picture #: 12 Description: BH-03; 5-6.5 ft sample depth.





Picture #: 13 Description: BH-03; 10-11.5 ft sample depth.



Picture #: 14

Description: BH-03; 10-11.5 ft sample depth.





Picture #: 15 Description: BH-03; 15-16.5 ft sample depth.



Picture #: 16 Description: BH-03; 18.3-19.8 ft sample depth.

